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In re Patent Application of

MAIL STOP PETITIONS

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For:

METHOD AND MEANS FOR MANAGING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN LOCAL AND REMOTE **OBJECTS IN AN OBJECT** ORIENTED CLIENT SERVER SYSTEM IN WHICH A CLIENT APPLICATION INVOKES A LOCAL OBJECT AS A PROXY FOR A

REMOTE

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3) TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM <u>UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2007, Applicants petition to accept the unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 in this application.

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/172,942 filed on October 14, 1998.

It is noted that the benefit claim was identified by the original Transmittal Letter and Declaration, and acknowledged by the Official Filing Receipt.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due and the date of this petition was unintentional.

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This petition is accompanied by an Amendment inserting the reference required under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2) into the application, and a credit card authorization for the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21, that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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